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SUBJECT: EC WHEAT FLOUR SUBSIDIES

REF: EC BRUSSELS 10105

1. COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 2625/76 FIXES A SUBSIDY OF 70 U.A./M.T. FOR EXPORTS OF WHEAT FLOUR (ASH CONTENT 0 TO 520) TO SRI LANKA, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 29, 1976; THE SUBSIDY ON EXPORTS OF WHEAT FLOUR OF THIS QUALITY TO OTHER DESTINATIONS REMAINS AT 57 U.A./M.T. SUBSIDIES APPLICABLE TO OTHER QUALITIES OF FLOUR REMAIN AS REPORTED IN THE REFTEL.

2. AN OFFICIAL IN THE COMMISSION'S GRAIN DIVISION SAID THAT DG VI HAD SOUGHT TO RAISE THE EXPORT SUBSIDIES TO ALL DESTINATIONS. HOWEVER, DISPUTES BOTH WITHIN THE COMMISSION AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAD BLOCKED SUCH ACTION. THE FIXING OF A SPECIAL SUBSIDY FOR SRI LANKA HAD BEEN DONE AS A SORT OF EMERGENCY ACTION TO ENABLE EC MILLERS TO COMPETE FOR AN IMPORT TENDER FOR 60,000 TONS CLOSED BY SRI LANKA LAST FRIDAY. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT EC MILLERS, PROBABLY FRENCH, HAD BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT--NARROWLY

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BEATING OUT A BID FROM SINGAPORE.

3. THE OFFICIAL COMPLAINED THAT EC SUBSIDIES WERE STILL FAR TOO LOW TO MOVE FLOUR INTO EXPORT. HE SAID THAT THE EC HAD BEEN HESITATING TOO MUCH IN INCREASING THE SUBSIDIES AND LAGGING BEHIND THE DOWNWARD SLIDE OF THE MARKET. HE THOUGHT THAT FURTHER SUBSIDY INCREASES MIGHT BE APPROVED AT TODAY'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. HINTON

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